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NOTE TO: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT: Suggested Outline for Andropov Estimate

1. I suggest that the Andropov paper be no more than 20-25 draft pages and that it be structured along the following lines:

- Status of leadership politics (including both flexibility and limitations this implies for Andropov).
- Domestic imperatives that impact concretely on foreign and defense policy (fairly specific to include such things as trade, Western technology, etc.).
- Specific foreign policy actions since succession (arms control, Syria, Afghanistan, China, etc.).
- Foreign policy opportunities and problems (Southern Africa, Central America, Europe, Iran, Pakistan, etc.).
- Implications and outlook (based on domestic politics and imperatives, actions so far taken by Andropov, opportunities and problems facing Andropov, what can we see as the nature of foreign policy under his leadership, his foreign policy priorities and the thrust of his likely actions (e.g., continued prudent risk taking, more aggressive, non-US focus over next two years, etc.).



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2. There is high risk of writing an estimate that will read very much like a Sunday Outlook Section article in the Washington Post. We can avoid this in substantial measure by a highly focused estimate that is quite sparse in its prose, makes substantial use of bullets and tics, specific examples and intelligence information. "Wandering through the problem," will present us with a disaster.



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The above has much overlap with NIC draft - I intend to convey a much more specific, leaner, simpler piece.

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